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Sir:

This is pursuant to the official action dated September 26, 2003, with a delay for reply expiring on October 26, 2003.

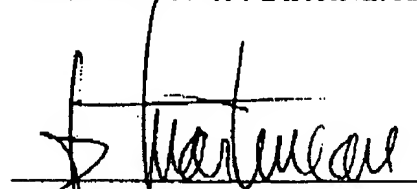
The applicant elects the **Group II** defined by the Examiner in his official action.

Please further find enclosed an amended set of claims on ten annexed pages to replace the claims actually on file, wherein the claims that are not part of Group II (or that do not depend from an independent claim part of group II) have been withdrawn according to the Examiner's election requirement and to the present election of Group II. Also, please note that claims 24 and 25 have been amended into dependent form, and now depend directly or indirectly from claim 2. Eighteen claims thus remain in the present patent application, namely claims 2-15 and claims 24-27.

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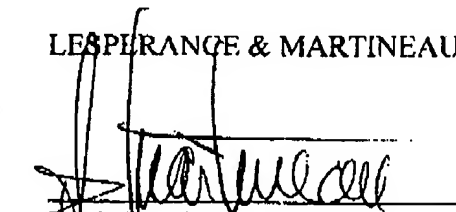
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It is hereby certified that this amendment paper, consisting of twelve (12) pages including the ten (10) annexed pages of amended claims, is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office on this 22nd day of October 2003.

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